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Eric C. Anderson, et al.

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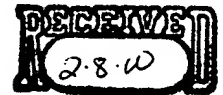
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Examiner: Sue Lao

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Madam:



In response to a request from Examiner Lao concerning the two preliminary amendments that have been filed in the present application, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application filed January 14, 1998 was meant to be filed as a Continued Prosecution Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d). However, due to the change in procedures from Rule 60/62 applications to Rule 1.53(b)/1.53(d) applications, the present application was mistakenly filed under the wrong section as a new 1.53(b) utility application. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the present application under the rules of a Continued Prosecution Application, which reflects the true intent of the Applicant.

Furthermore, Applicant believes that if the Examiner considers this application under the rules of a CPA, the Preliminary Amendments filed January 14, 1998 and June 24, 1998 will be more understandable. The Preliminary Amendment dated January 14, 1998 was identified by the parent serial number and filing date, which is consistent with the guidelines of a CPA application. This Amendment was responsive to the Office Action dated October 14, 1997 in the parent application. The second Preliminary Amendment dated June 24, 1998 (identified by the current serial number and filing date) was filed to

cancel claims that had been previously restricted from the parent application. Applicant submits that both Preliminary Amendments belong in the present application.

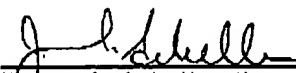
If the Examiner has any questions or comments, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone.

If any fee is due for this response, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Message:****Examiner Lao:**

Please see the attached Response to Examiner's Request concerning the preliminary amendments that have been filed in the present application.

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